

NSC BRIEFING

30 November 1954

YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS  
CHRONOLOGY

I. Background: History of "normalization" campaign falls into four phases.

- A. June-December '53. Campaign starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador, to Yugoslavia, continues with decreasing efforts on both sides for rest of year.
- B. January-April '54--almost no activity.
- C. May to mid-September '54--campaign resumed--(small scale trade initiated; complete apology given for maltreatment of Yugoslav diplomats in the USSR.)
- D. Mid-September to present--intensified activity (see full chronology).

II. Position as of mid-September '54

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) reestablished with all Eastern Europe Satellites except Poland. Border incidents with neighboring Satellites ceased with establishment

of joint border commissions.

- B. Trade: Barter agreements with Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany (total value \$8,000,000 each way); border rail traffic regularized; relations improved in regulation of Danube River traffic.
- C. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
- D. Political: Soviet Ambassador visits Tito twice in mid-summer--possibly as groundwork for intensified campaign (only concrete offer was for repatriation of Yugoslav nationals in the USSR, but general talk of trade and other matters).

### III. Mid-September to Present

- 16 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.

21 Sept Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of  
unknown Yugo soldier.

26-27 Sept Soviet press references to economic progress  
in Yugoslavia.

27 Sept Guardedly favorable Yugoslav press reaction  
to announced dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian  
joint stock companies.

29 Sept Anti-Tito radio in Rumania goes off air.

1 Oct Small trade agreement (\$2.5 million each  
way by the end of the year) with USSR.

4 Oct Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito books.

11 Oct Agreement on high-level trade talks.

13 Oct Vyshinsky "takes cognizance" of Trieste  
settlement.

13 Oct Yugoslavs admit granting Soviet request for  
permission for commercial overflights to  
Albania.

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13 Oct Yugoslav emigre propaganda mills in Orbit  
reported abolished.

13 Oct Chinese Communist embassies reported inviting  
Yugoslav diplomats to national day parties.

13 Oct Yugoslav press interprets dissolution of  
Soviet-Chinese joint companies as change in  
policy, as well as methods.

14 Oct Radio Belgrade's transmissions in Russian  
no longer jammed.

16-20 Oct On tenth anniversary Belgrade liberation,  
USSR press and radio plugs Yugoslav partisans.

25 Oct Tito says he hopes for continuation of  
"normalization,"

26 Oct Tito tells Stassen that Russians know they  
must not expect "normalization" to alter Yugo  
cooperation with West and that talk of return  
to the Orbit was "arrant nonsense."

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- 26 Oct Yugo ambassador received by Bulgarian premier  
(first such meeting in Satellites).
- 30 Oct Yugoslav and Soviet exchange of films under  
negotiation.
- 6 Nov Politburo member Saburov, in major speech,  
plugs improved relations with Yugo, pledges  
continued efforts--Khrushchev tells Yugo  
ambassador that statement was "carefully  
examined" decision.
- 6 Nov Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo  
people in congratulations to Voroshilov on  
Soviet national holiday.
- 11 Nov Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentrali-  
zation of Soviet economic administration  
(as in Yugo).
- 14 Nov Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes  
Satellites).

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- 21 Nov        Tito says Yugos, while favoring idea of  
              such meeting, won't attend Soviet European  
              security conference.
- 28 Nov        Malenkov, Khrushchev, Molotov and Bulganin--  
              attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy--  
              toast "Comrade Tito and the Communist Party  
              of Yugoslavia."
- 29 Nov        Some Satellite premiers attend Yugoslav  
              national holiday receptions.